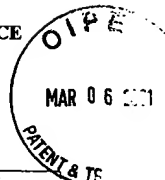




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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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    - ☐ a non-English language.
    - ☒ English.
  - ☐ Translation of the international application into English.
  - ☐ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.
  - ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments.
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  - ☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
  - ☐ Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.
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  - ☐ Assignment document.
  - ☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.
  - ☐ Substitute specification filed
  - ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
  - ☒ Priority Document.
  - ☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.
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2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:
- ☐ a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
    - ☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.
  - ☐ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
  - ☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
    - ☐ The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.
  - ☒ d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).
3. Additional claim fees of \$ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH IN 2(a)-2(d) AND 3 ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY ☐ 21 OR ☒ 31 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

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5. ☐ The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 1.494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a)

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Dear Sir:

On January 8, 2001, prior to the 30th-month deadline from the claimed priority date (filed under P.C.T. Chapter II), Applicants remitted the large-entity U.S. National Fee of \$860.00, to cover the Basic National Fee.

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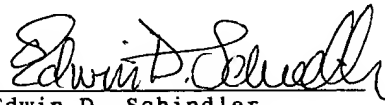
Accompanying the present submission, is a Small Entity Statement (Small Business Concern) for the purpose of allowing Applicants to establish a claim to Small Entity status for the purpose of the payment of certain fees in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the concurrent submission of the accompanying Small Entity Statement, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a), Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$430.00, or one-half of the U.S. National Fee paid on January 8, 2001.

The Office is requested to credit said refund to the Deposit Account of Applicants' Attorney, Account No. 19-0450. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for billing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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under 35 U.S.C. 371," dated February 8, 2001, Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby submit the following documents:

1. Copy of "Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371";
2. Declaration/Power of Attorney executed by Applicants;
3. Small Entity Statement (Small Business Concern);
4. Request for Refund under 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a); and,
5. Assignment for recordation w/Cover Sheet.

Applicants further enclose a check in the amount of \$640.00 to cover:

(a) The requisite surcharge of \$65.00 (small entity) for submission of the Declaration subsequent to the 30th-month deadline from the claimed priority date;

(b) The additional claims fee of \$535.00 (small entity) for the pendency of one independent claim in excess of three independent claims (\$40.00) and the pendency of 55 total claims in excess of twenty total claims at \$9.00 for each said additional claim (\$495.00); and,


(c) The Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00.

Authorization is also given to charge Applicants' Attorney's Deposit Account, Account No. 19-0450, for any additional fees or costs which may be due in connection, with the prosecution of the above-identified application.

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